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## SAY LOBSTERS TRAVEL FAR

In the records of the lobster fisheries the compilers have some proof that the lobster isn't so slow as imagined. Several hundred lobsters were liberated from the catch and tagged at the same time at Woods Hole, for later identification.

This experiment was thought to have resulted in proof of the migratory impulse of the lobsters. One of those freed at Wood's Hole was recaptured at Cutty Hunk Island, 12 miles away, in a trap 11 days later.

Of a catch released another season one traveler covered 10 miles in less than eight days. Eight which had been free from nine to 31 days, had traveled only a mile when captured, but six had wandered from 10 to 12 miles in the course of 21 to 58 days.

Only a very small number of those tagged got back into the fishing pots duly tagged, so as to have their movements recorded, but the experimenters though there was evidence sufficient to show that it was "not probable that such sporadic movements are determined by the search for more abundant food or more favorable conditions as regards temperature and depth of water or character of the bottom, but were set down to individual initiative and general restlessness of behavior."

But it was concluded that each section of coast had a lobster colony of its own, and that each lobster was inclined to stay within the confines of its own colony.

This was demonstrated by the fact that were lobsters more abundant unless reduced by excessive catches, and that where their numbers were diminished by persistent fishing, they were not replenished as they would be if the neighboring colonies were inclined to move out of their own domain. Thus, the lobster fishermen have come to understand that if the numbers be once seriously depleted by them they will be restored only in one way, and by the slow process of nature.

These fishermen report, too, that when lobster traps are set on a trawl placed across the tide, the catch is greater than when the trawl is set in the direction of the current, and the scientists say that this is because in the former case the chemical substances coming from the bait are more widely diffused, confirming their belief that lobsters have strong powers of scent and keen eyes to guide them to their prey.

Fishermen say lobsters are not as stupid as they seem, but are wary and shy of entering a trap. They have been seen to crawl about it several times and examine it cautiously on all sides until too weak or hungry to resist temptation, they finally enter it.

### Fish Cargoes for Halifax.

Last Thursday the schooner Alma Nelson entered at Sandy Point, Newfoundland, to load herring from various shippers for Halifax.

The Tamaska began loading fish at St. Jacques the same day, her cargo being also bound for Halifax. It is shipped for Smith and Company.—Halifax Herald.

## "FREE FISH" FARE MAKES T WHARF

### Sch. Morning Star, Formerly American Registry, First Nova Scotia Craft to Take Advantage of New Law, Hits Aviator Market.

Boston received her first fresh fish fare from a foreign craft under the new "free fish" schedule of the new tariff law today sch. Morning Star, once an American registry craft, but now sailing under the British flag, being at the dock.

The Morning Star went ashore near Cape Sable early during the summer

and she was abandoned by her owners. She lay there for a long time, and though on Friday, when the mark finally the wreck was purchased as inclined to be slack, wholesale, she stood and towed into a Nova Scotian port.

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## MORE CRAFTS GOING SOUTH

Capt. Lemuel Spinney has purchased sch. William A. Morse, formerly owned in Provincetown to engage in the southern snapper fishery. The craft is undergoing a thorough cleaning and when ready will be commanded by Capt. Augustus Hines.

Sch. Thalia, one of the Gorton-Pew Company's fleet is fitting for the snapper fishery under command of Capt. Percy Firth.

Another craft fitting here for the southern snapper fishery is sch. Margie Turner of Portland under command of Capt. Samuel Colson.

### Gale Wrecked Small Boats.

Monday night's gale worked havoc on the Hancock county coast, Maine. Many small fishing boats were blown ashore and lobster cars and weirs were wrecked. The loss will run well into the thousands, it was estimated. Many wires were reported down all through this section.

### Fine Stock.

Sch. Georgianna, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked \$3150 on her recent halibut trip, the crew each sharing \$68 clear.

## THE MARKET IS SAGGING OF

But Still the T Wharf Price  
Cannot be Called Other  
Than High.

Outside of fresh mackerel, ground fish receipts at T wharf, Boston this morning were moderate a fleet of crafts making their appearance since yesterday.

Outside of the two beam trawls in, most of the fares are from the shore, with cod, haddock and halibut in view of the short supply that has predominated the market this week prices were very good today, even though on Friday, when the market finally the wreck was purchased as inclined to be slack, wholesale, she stood and towed into a Nova Scotian port.

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### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail are as follows: Str. Enterprise, 25,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Str. Mildred Agnes, 12,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Str. Nashawena, 10,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Sch. Eglantine, 35,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Str. Thelma, 30,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Str. A. B. Nickerson, 13,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Sch. Little Fannie, 17,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, 16,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Str. Bernie and Bessie, 14,000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Str. Swell, 34,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Str. Surf, 32,000 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 7000 haddock, 2700 cod, 9000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Francis S. Grueby, 10,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 6500 hake.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 4000 haddock, 3500 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 21,000 hake.

Sch. Harriett 4000 haddock, 4900 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 6000 haddock, 1700 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 1000 haddock, 400 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Appomattox, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1200 pollock.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, 9000 haddock, 6000 cod 8000 hake.

Eva and Mildred.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Rose Standish, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 14,000 pollock. Haddock, \$4 to \$4.10 per cwt.; large cod, \$8; market cod, \$5; hake, \$1.50 to \$4; pollock, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2 fresh mackerel 5 cents and 6 cents per lb.

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### Expecting More Crafts from Here.

In command of Captain Alex Bushe, the new fishing schooner Francis V. Silvia, recently purchased from Gloucester, Mass., parties by the E. E. Saunders Fish and Ice Company, left the Massachusetts fishing center last Monday, and it is expected that she will reach Pensacola within the next two weeks.

The Francis V. Sylvia is one of three new vessels just bought by the Saunders Company. One of the other two, the Maude F. Silva, will leave Gloucester during the present week for Pensacola. She will be commanded by Captain Loring G. Cooney, son of Captain Frank Cooney, who has brought numerous fishing smacks from New England waters to Pensacola for the Saunders Company. Captain Bushe, who is en route on the Francis Silvia, brought the smack Fish Hawk from Gloucester to Pensacola last year. He fished out of Pensacola on the smack for several months and is well known to the local fishermen.

The third smack bought this year by the Saunders Company is the Nettie Franklin, which is said to be the largest fishing vessel ever brought South. She will be commanded by Captain Frank Cooney. It is not probable that she will start southward before the month of November.—Pensacola News.

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## ANOTHER TRIP OF CURED COD

In Here Today From Nova Scotia—None of Local Fleet In.

Aside from two mackerel fares, elsewhere reported, only one off-shore arrival was reported this morning, being the British sch. Ariadne with a load of cured cod for Davis Brothers. The Ariadne hauls for 85,000 pounds and cleared from Tiverton, N. S. The steamer Scout of the gill netting fleet had 1500 pounds of fresh fish yesterday, which she landed at her wharf and shipped fresh.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail are: British sch. Ariadne, Tiverton, N. S., 85,000 lbs. cured fish. Sch. Cherokee, shore. Sch. Constellation, seining, 7000 mixed fresh mackerel, 100 bbls. salt mackerel. Sch. Philip P. Manter, via Boston. Str. Scout, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Little Fannie, seining, 25,000 mixed fresh mackerel, (took part of fare to Boston.)

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Washakie, haddocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.25 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.50. Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3. Dory handline cod, \$5 for large, \$4.50 for medium. Eastern halibut codfish, large \$5.00; medium, \$4.50. Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50. Pitted halibut, 10c per lb. Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50. Haddock, \$1.50. Hake, \$1.75. Pollock, \$1.50. Salt mackerel, \$28 per bbl. for large rimmed; \$26 for unrimmed; \$21 for number one fish.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices: Haddock, \$1 per cwt. Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c. Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c. All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above. Hake, \$1.40. Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 50c. Dressed pollock 80c; round, 70c. Fresh shad, \$4 per bbl. Fresh herring, \$2.50 and \$3 per bbl. for bait. Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.75 to freezer. Bank halibut, 12c per lb. for white. Fresh small mackerel, 6c per lb.

## PLAN TO HANDLE FLORIDA FISH

Exodus of Local Crafts for South Winter Fishing Starts Fulton Market Concerns.

A new corporation is being organized by independent dealers in the Fulton Wholesale Fish Market, New York, to open the doors of Florida to small shippers or large shippers at refrigerator carload rates to New York. The new company has engaged wharfage, boxes and ice at Fernandina. The name of the company is New York & Florida Fish Company. The company will handle and ship fish for anybody, to any dealer in New York on an equal basis and at the cheapest possible rates.

General information had it that another company would only ship fish for the concerns in the market who were interested, and it was spread broadcast that only this company could furnish wharfage facilities, ice, bait, and boxes at reasonable rates.

The New York & Florida Fish Co., however, through active and prompt efforts, claim to have secured all the advantages, including bait, that the other concern enjoys. There are 18 concerns who are subscribers to the stock of the new concern, as follows: Lynch & Co., New York Fish Co., John Feeney, A. W. Haff Co., H. M. Rogers Co., Wallace & Keeney Co., Ransom & Robbins Co., Eldred & Haley, S. B. Miller & Co., Burnett & Keeney, Kingsland & Comstock, Lockwood & Winant, Gallie Fish Co., Warner & Prankard, John Dais Co., Francis L. Schnaud, J. M. Minugh & Co., Willis H. Rogers. This company is also prepared to buy fish from those who do not care to ship on commission. The dealers at the New York end are absolutely independent and dispose of consignments to them without any reference whatsoever to the company.

The primary object of the company is claimed to be to enable shippers whether small or large, to get their fish through to New York to whomsoever they please without having to ship to any particular concern on account of the difference in cost of transportation. The company believe that it is thus doing a work for shippers all along the coast who are going south this year and at the same time keeping the market in New York open to Florida shipments in the interests of Fulton Market dealers generally. All wholesale dealers in New York have been notified that they may participate in the organization of the company on an equal basis.

It is claimed it is not a money-making concern, but a means to facilitate business in a general way.

The officers of the company are:

President—Alvah W. Haff.

Vice president—Walter E. Ashcroft of Warner & Prankard.

Secretary—Geo. Lynch.

Treasurer—John Dais.

The capital stock is \$50,000, and it is proposed that no stock be issued except for cash. All of the above firms have subscribed and paid for stock.

## RECORD HAULS OF MACKEREL MADE

Middle Bank Alive With Great Schools Yesterday—Nine Fares at Boston and Two Here—Fish Are Mixed.

Mackerel, yes, lots of them too, the like of which has not been witnessed in local waters for years, literally covered Middle Bank yesterday. And the best part of it too, is that the fleet of seiners were there, those who have clung to "the game" reaping the harvest by securing some nice fares of mixed fish which average from three-fourths of a pound to two and one-half pounds each.

The good news that the boys had "struck 'em" again was received with much pleasure and spread like wildfire, as Capt. Charles Nelson in the little auxiliary sch. Little Fannie pulled into the Fort last evening and took out her deckload. After icing and landing 7000 fish, her deckload which were about as pretty fish as has ever been landed here, Capt. Nelson took the remainder in the hold and put to Boston for this morning's market.

In addition to Capt. Nelson, sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire,

took 700 mixed ones off here yesterday, which added to 100 barrels of salt ones on board will give the captain and crew a nice share.

### Nine Trips at Boston.

At Boston this morning are nine trips, mostly the little steamers, several of them being loaded clean to the scuppers. Sch. Eglantine, Capt. George G. Hamor, is in again with 35,000 mixed fish, the largest haul; while steamer Thelma, Capt. Elroy Prior, has a dandy trip, with 30,000 mixed fish in count. Steamer Enterprise is reported with 25,000 fish, while the Nashawena, A. B. Nickerson, Mary F. Ruth, Bernie and Bessie and Mildred Agnes have fares from 12,000 to 17,000 fish in count. At Boston this morning, the wholesalers paid 5 and 6 cents a pound for them.

Quickly on top of the trip of sch. Mary T. Fallon landed by Capt. Rufus McKay yesterday, the seiners who happened to be on the ground ran into the "Klondyke." The incoming skippers report that the waters were alive with fish, right on the surface,

and for as far ahead as the eye could see, the fish were schooling. Nearly all the boys took fish, except two of them, it is reported.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Arthur Devine who was on the scene had hard luck, setting three separate times around fish, but was unable to head them off.

The prospects are most encouraging and it goes to show that there is a big dollar in the fresh mackerel fishery in the fall, if the fleet stick to it. Late catches in the past years by the seiners have been few and far between, the fleet having long before this either hauled out and laid up for the winter or engaged in other branches of the fisheries.

With good weather, for which the mackerel fishermen are now hopeful, there is still a great chance of making a good season and more catches are looked for. If the fish stay in Boston bay, a whole year's work may be made in a very short time.

### Will be Pensacola's Largest Craft.

Says the Pensacola News:

A third vessel, the largest fishing vessel that has ever been bought for fishing out of Pensacola, has just been purchased by the E. E. Saunders Fish and Ice Company from Gloucester parties. The vessel, the Nettie Franklin, is now at Gloucester, where she is being fitted out to engage in the snapper fishing business in the Gulf of Mexico and as soon as the repairs and alterations now under way are perfected the vessel will be headed Pensacolaward by Capt. Frank Cooney. Capt. Cooney has brought quite a number of vessels from New England waters to Pensacola and each year, for a number of years, has brought a larger vessel than ever before.

The Nettie Franklin is said to be twice the size of the average smack, having capacity for carrying 70 tons of ice and as many fish. It is expected that she will be started south during the early part of November and before reaching Pensacola it is probable that she will make a trip to the Campeche snapper banks.